

REMARKS

Presently, claims 1-9 and 16-42 are pending in the application. Claims 10-15 have been withdrawn from consideration without prejudice. New claims 16-42 have been added to alternatively recite the present invention. No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments.

In the present action, the Examiner has pointed out that the claim listing submitted in Applicant's response of July 30, 2004 ("Applicant's Response") to the previous Office Action dated March 30, 2004, did not comply with proper U.S. PTO amendment practice. Specifically, the Examiner has noted that the claim listing in Applicant's Response did not include all pending and withdrawn claims.

Applicant has submitted herewith a corrected Amendments to and Listing of the Claims section, such that the amendments to the claims as submitted with Applicant's Response are compliant with U.S. patent practice. Specifically, claims 10-15 have each been included in the listing and have been properly identified as "withdrawn". Additionally, claims 1-9 have been identified as "original" instead of "previously presented". No substantive changes to the claims have been made with respect to Applicant's Response. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments to the claims as corrected in this paper be entered and considered with Applicant's remarks as submitted in Applicant's Response.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application, including claims 1-9 and 16-42, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal

of the Examiner's objections and rejections as set forth in the previous Office Action and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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